Listing of Claims:

    1. (Currently Amended) An image-recording apparatus which divides a complete image ~~that is~~ larger in width than a recording-medium into a plurality of images and, <u>which</u> records the divided images on a plurality of recording-media, <u>said image-</u>

5   <u>recording apparatus</u> comprising:

    <u>an</u> image recording assembly ~~that has~~ <u>which includes</u> a recording-head to record an image on the recording-medium, and a recording-medium-carrying mechanism to carry the recording-medium relatively to the recording-head; and

10   a control section ~~that has~~ <u>which includes</u> an image-processing section to subject image data <u>of the complete image</u> to image processing, and <u>which</u> controls the image recording assembly,

    wherein the image-processing section divides the image data

15   ~~indicative~~ of the complete image into a plurality of image data pieces indicative of divided images, detects two adjoining divided-images that <u>each</u> individually have a joint portion and adjoin each other at the respective joint portions, in the divided images indicated by the divided image data pieces<u>,</u> and

20   rotates one of the adjoining divided-images so as to make a recording direction of one of the adjoining divided-images

opposite to a recording direction of the other adjoining

divided-image, <u>and</u>

     <u>wherein</u> the control section controls the image recording

25   assembly so that ~~a~~ <u>the</u> recording medium ~~carries~~ <u>is carried</u> in one

direction during recording <u>of</u> all divided-images, the divided

images are recorded on the respective recording-media one by one

to form a plurality of output images, and the plurality of output

images configure one complete image.

     2. (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the control section controls the

image recording assembly so that the joint portions of the

divided images on ~~the~~ adjacent recording media lie at ~~the~~ <u>a</u> same

5   position with respect to ~~the~~ <u>a</u> width direction of the media.

     3. (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the image-processing section

divides the image data of the complete image in a width direction

thereof based on a maximum recordable width according to ~~a~~ <u>the</u>

5   recording-medium used for recording.

     4. (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 3, wherein when the image-processing section

divides the image data of the complete image based on the maximum

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recordable width, ~~the~~ <u>a</u> number of the divided image data <u>pieces</u>

of the divided images is odd excluding 1, and there is <u>a</u> divided

image ~~data~~ of a width smaller than a width corresponding to the

maximum recordable width, the image-processing section divides at

least one of the image data <u>pieces</u> of the divided images into two

substantially at a center to set the number of divided image data

<u>pieces</u> to be even.

    5.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the image-processing section

divides the image data of the complete image into a predetermined

number <u>of the image data pieces</u> so that the divided images are

uniform in width.

    6.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 5, wherein the predetermined number of divided

image data <u>pieces</u> is even.

    7.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 5, wherein the image-processing section

changes ~~in~~ magnification the image data <u>pieces</u> of the divided

images so that a width of each <u>of the</u> divided images to be

recorded is substantially equal to a width of a largest

recording-medium ~~of~~ <u>to be</u> used ~~recording media~~.

8.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the image-processing section compares the width of the divided image to be recorded with a maximum recordable width according to ~~a used~~ the recording-medium to be used, and when the width of the divided image is large, the image-processing section increases the number of divided image data pieces, and ~~divide~~ further divides the image data of the complete image.

9.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein when a plurality of recording-media different in maximum recording width are selectively used, the control section compares the width of ~~the~~ each of the divided images with a maximum recordable width according to each recording-medium, selects a recording-medium ~~that~~ whose margin is smallest, and records each of the divided ~~image by~~ images using the recording-medium.

10.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control section controls the image recording assembly ~~so as to decide~~ to control an order of recording the divided ~~image to be recorded first~~ images, and to sequentially record the divided images from ~~the~~ an image nearest

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~~the~~ a first recorded divided image in arrangement of the image

data pieces.

11.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 10, wherein the image recording assembly is

controlled so as to obtain ~~the~~ a number of the divided images

between each divided image and the divided image to be recorded

first in ~~the~~ a width direction, and to start recording from a

divided image that has a small number of divided images between

itself and the divided image to be recorded first.

12.   (Currently Amended) The image-recording apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the image-processing section

obtains position information of the image data of the divided

images in ~~the~~ a width direction, and the control section controls

the image recording assembly so as to record the divided images

and the position information corresponding to the divided images

on each ~~recording mediums~~ of the recording-media.

13.   (Currently Amended) An image forming method which

divides a complete image that is larger in width than a

recording-medium into a plurality of divided images, and records

the divided images on a plurality of recording-media, said image

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forming method comprising:

detecting two adjoining divided-images, and

recording one of the two adjoining divided ~~image~~ images from above and the other of the two adjoining divided ~~image~~ images from ~~bottom~~ below among the divided images ~~corresponding to divided image data of~~ image data of the complete image to be recorded on the recording-media.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) An image forming method which divides a complete image that is larger in width than a recording-medium into a plurality of divided images, connects a plurality of recording-media on which the plurality of divided images are formed so as to ~~be formed~~ form the complete image ~~by connecting the plurality of divided images~~, and mutually connects both ends of the complete image, said image forming method comprising:

dividing the complete image into an even number of the divided images;

detecting two of the divided-images corresponding to the both ends of the complete image [[,]] to be ~~join~~ connected to each other, and

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setting one of the two divided-images so as to make a

15 recording direction of ~~said~~ one of the ~~adjoining~~ <u>two</u>

divided-images opposite to a recording direction of the other <u>one</u>

<u>of the</u> two divided-images, and to ~~be located the~~ <u>locate</u> joint

portions of the two divided-images ~~on~~ <u>at</u> one position in a width

direction of ~~a~~ <u>the</u> recording-medium.

Claim 16   (Canceled).